

How To See God Do The Impossible (Mark 6:35-44)

Proposition: In this text there are three actions that we can take in situation to see God do the impossible.

I. See Further Than Our Limitations

- A. The Limitation of Resilience
- B. The Limitation of Responsibility
- C. The Limitation of Resources

II. Surrender Forth Our Accumulations

- A. Surrender In Spite of its Lack of Size
- B. Surrender In Spite of its Lack of Sufficiency

III. Seek For Omnipotent Demonstrations

- A. To Multiply the Resources
- B. To Meet the Requirement
- C. To Magnify the Redeemer

How to See God Do the Impossible Mk 6:35-41
Some things in life are just an impossibility. Take for instance the city council in County Cork Ireland many years ago. There were having a lot of trouble w/ criminals and their jail was overflowing. But the town also had a great shortage of funds. The Council dealt w/ the problem by passing a 3-Part resolution: 1) The city shall build a new jail. 2) The jail shall be built out of materials in the old jail. 3) The old jail shall be used until the new jail is completed.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to understand that that is an impossibility. We often face impossibilities in our lives but I am here to tell you that what may seem impossible to you and I is never an impossibility w/God. Time & time again we are told in the Bible that nothing is impossible w/God. In this text there are 3 actions that we can take in a situation to see God do the impossible. The first thing we can do is...

I. See Further than Our Limitations - New disciples are great at seeing the limit others in a situation. Many of us are like the crowd red about that set out to

By the Book Power of Positive Thinking

A. The limitation of Resistance - Now remember in the previous verses these guys had their rest cut short by the great need of the multitude. Also these disciples were probably the hungriest of the crowd. v31 They couldn't even eat.

Tired + Hungry I became a bore they were limited in this resistance, I can't deal ^{more} my

B. The limitation of Responsibility - v32

Send them out of here. It's not our responsibility to feed them, let them go out to find for themselves.

Saint once said "Responsibility is our response to God's ability." They were not responding to Christ's ability to feed the crowd. Do we shirk our responsibility?

C. The limitation of Resources - v37

This 200 pennyworth is approximately one year's wages. When I was a child and I would answer my dad's questions in an outlandish sarcastic way my dad would say don't get smart w/me! It is as though this disciple is smarting off to Jesus. But sometimes we do the same when we

II. Surrender Forth Our Accumulation

But in Kindness the Lord responds to his faithless disciple, basically show me what you have. He is asking them

1) ...Positive Thinking" and then thought "What good will that do?" Notice the limitations these disciples saw.

2) ...when we do not see beyond the limitation of our resources.
that's why I say... "What is known may bring danger, Only a sensible
point, 'takes it and uses it for me', who or who did - warning the
poor, poor little people to keep off from your hands?"
"Give a hand, don't you feel"
"With it, there is always hope?"

1) *...if we would see God do the impossible, we must surrender,
give Him complete ownership of what little we have.*

2) ...not Lord over all, He's not Lord at all!

....but a wee lamb', and he offered it to God, and a sweet smelling savour came to God's nostrils. 'Moses, what is in thy hand?', said the Lord; 'Nothing but a staff, Lord, to tend my flock'. 'Take it and use it for me', said the Lord - and with that he wrought more things than great Egypt had ever seen. 'Mary, what is in your hand?'. 'Nothing but a pot of sweet smelling ointment', and with it she anointed the Holy One of God, and the fragrance filled the house and the world, for the story is recounted wherever the gospel is preached. 'Poor widow, what is in thy hand?'. 'Only two mites, Lord', but all she had, she gave it - and her story has prompted the humblest soul in giving all that they have. 'What is in thy hand, Dorcas?'. 'Only a needle, Lord'. 'Take it and use it for me', and so she did - warming the poor and the needy of Joppa. 'Little lad, what is in your hand?'. 'Just my lunch, Lord'. 'Give it to me, and I will feed more than 5000 with it, and to spare.'

to surrender what they have. Cf we would see

A. Surrender in Spite of its Lack of Size

Five loaves + two fishes. We know from
the other gospels that this was a small
boy's meager lunch. Barely enough to

feed him. Sometimes in order to see
the impossible we must risk that which
seems indefensible. Lord I need this.

This is mine. But it is a fact from the
word of God that when God sets
out to do the impossible more times
than not it is through the insufficiency
of man. Surrender it. Cf he's not here over

B. Surrender in Spite of its Lack of Sufficient

5 loaves and 2 small fishes, Tom
Hartley called them not much more
than saltines and sardines. That vs
a crowd of 5000 men + women + children?
This is the definition of insufficiency.
Yet Faith is not to be set upon the
material but on the Almighty. No
matter what it looks like to us we
are to surrender in faith. A writer once
said; The Lord said to Achel; What is
in thy hand? Nothing but a ³wee lamb

III. Seek for Omnipotent Demonstration

Cf it is true what the poet said "When
we have exhausted our store of
endurance, when our strength has

tailed ere the day is half done, when the

A. To Multiply the Resources - God takes what we yield up and multiplies it. Those meager resources went far beyond what could be seen by human reasoning, and so it is true with us. Your own strength and ability are insignificant but those yielded to the hands of the master.

B. To Meet the Requirement - v54D. This was a seemingly insurmountable need. This world around us has great needs. We need not send them away. Christ is sufficient. He can take our small resources and meet the need of this world.

C. To Magnify the Redeemer - v54B

Some say this was an hallucination. That folks just thought they felt full. Well that must have been some more crazy hallucination because there were 12 loaves left over. In John 6, we are given the sermon after the miracle where Jesus presents himself as the all sufficient lamb.

IV. Closing - One author writes "Only an all-powerful God can do the impossible with the impossible."

- 1) ...When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun'.



- 2) ...all sufficient abundant bread from heaven, not like the manna
from heaven which after eaten men still die. No He is the bread
from heaven which when received, men never die.

